

DOCKET NO. 92-110-C - ORDER NO. 92-121

IN RE: Dual Party Relay System) ORDER REQUIRING
) LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY
) FUNDING


This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) pursuant to its authority under S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-2530(A)(Supp. 1991). Section 58-8-2530 permits the Commission to require all local exchange telephone companies operating in South Carolina to impose a monthly surcharge on customers in order to fund a statewide dual party relay service. The dual party relay service provides telephone access for persons who are either speech or hearing impaired through use of specially trained operators and keyboard mechanisms which transmit signals through telephone lines. The Commission anticipates that the South Carolina dual party relay service will begin operation on April 3, 1992.

In order to fund the establishment and continuous operation of the dual party relay system, the Commission hereby orders each local exchange telephone company to assess each of its residential and business access lines \$.10 per month. It is further ordered that the local exchange companies remit the charges collected from their customers to the Commission on or before the 10th day of

each month. The local exchange companies shall submit their first remittance to the Commission on or before May 10, 1992. On each of their telephone bills, the local exchange companies shall delineate that the \$.10 surcharge is for "Telephone Relay Service." Finally, it is ordered that each local exchange company include the dual party relay access number, 1-800-735-2905, in a prominent location in the next publication of its telephone directories.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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